

History of Centenary
United Methodist Church



1876 - 1976

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*With Hope, Faith and Charity
With love of Service we are filled.
With strength of purpose, thought and prayer
And Dedicated Hands, We Build!*

HISTORY OF
CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1876 - 1976

HARRELLS, N. C.

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History of Centenary United Methodist Church, 1876 - 1976.

Centenary United Methodist Church is now one hundred years old in 1976. It has stood the tests of time and change and still retains its place as the only Methodist Church for miles around. It is located on Highway 421 in the now incorporated town of Harrells, North Carolina, formerly known as Harrells Store, and is the home church on a two point charge known as The Harrells Charge.

Documented evidences are lacking as to the origin of Centenary, but it is likely that the name Centenary was given because of the 1776 - 1876 Centennial being observed when it first began.

Just what inspired this group of community people to begin a church following the Methodist faith is uncertain, but tradition has it that Sunday School was held prior to 1876, in homes and possibly Union Academy. However, on March 31, 1876, a deed of one acre of land by Ollen Lewis and his wife, Susan to the following trustees is recorded in the Sampson County Register of Deeds office in Clinton, N.C., sold for the sum of \$50.00. The trustees were M.K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, Sr., Randall Powell, Richard M. Johnson, and A.J. Johnson. On this plot of land a "house for the purpose of worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church South," was built. The deed was signed and delivered in the presence of Owen Fennell, as a legal witness.

The building was a simple one room frame building built by members. The sills, still in use, were hand-hewn logs from the woods on Doctor Creek. We were taken into the North Carolina Methodist Conference, later that year. Reverend S. M. Davis was recorded to be the first minister assigned, but quite a few Circuit Riders had preached to this group prior to this, and ostensibly aided in organizing the church according to Methodist policies.

A pump organ was the first musical instrument installed early in the life of the church. Centenary has been served by several circuits, now referred to as charges. Some circuits were Clinton Circuit, Duplin Circuit, Magnolia Circuit, and Garland Charge. In 1954-1955, Centenary Church became a two point circuit known as The Harrells Charge, with the late Jimmy Stanford as resident pastor.

Around 1925, it became evident the church building was inadequate to effectively serve both the young and old within the church. Two rooms were added at the entrance to the church, making two aisles, one center group of long pews, and rows of short pews on either side. Also the pump organ was replaced by a piano in 1927, so the young people could use it in their newly organized Epworth League, with the new agriculture teacher at the Franklin High School as counselor.

The church building served adequately until the early fifties when it became apparent that more space and facilities were needed to keep pace with changing times. The trustees borrowed money and hired a skilled carpenter, and, with the aid of members and volunteer help, undertook the complete renovation of the church. Since the widening of the highway necessitated the moving back of the church, then a basement was dug and the church jacked up to accommodate a full size Fellowship Hall and six classrooms, plus space for a kitchen. An addition at the back created room for the pulpit, choir loft, and new electric organ purchased a few years later. The basement extension served to house the central heating system, which also serves now as an air conditioner in hot weather. The outside was brick veneered and a new flight of steps and porch was added. During this renovation period, services were conducted in the Community Building nearby. Eleven memorial windows were presented by different families in memory or in honor of some member or members of their families.

The twenty-four pews were also donated by families or individuals. A list of pew donors is listed on a plaque in the vestibule. The cornerstone laying and mortgage burning, for the church being debt free, took place eight years ago.

The men have always been the ruling element in the Methodist Church and made the big decisions in matters pertaining to remodeling and finances as was customary from the beginning. The women, however, have played an important role in the history of our church. No one has documented evidence to indicate when the first Woman's Society was formed. We do know that early in the life of the church the women served as Sunday School teachers and on at least one occasion as Sunday School Superintendent. Since the first formally organized group of women, Centenary has never ceased to have a woman's group, now termed The United Methodist Women. The services of this organization in Centenary should not be minimized, for it is the backbone of the church, both socially as well as financially. The women have furnished leadership in every phase of church work, especially with the children and young people. The Epworth League, now the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, has fluctuated with the growth of the church. Since a high percentage of high school graduates attend college, we lose the services of many of these young people trained in U.M.Y.F. The church also provided a nursery when one was needed to care for infants and small children.

For many years Centenary participated in Community Cantatas at Christmas and Easter. Recently Mrs. Rachel Peterson our Chairperson on Worship directed these Cantatas. Each year Siloam and Centenary alternated having the program. For many years the women of Centenary, Siloam, and Wells Chapel met together for a day of prayer each quarter. These activities tended to strengthen the relationship between Siloam and Centenary which also permeates the social and civic activities in the community.

For many years Centenary has been presenting Bibles to its high school graduates. These Bibles are treasured by these members.

Thanksgiving and Good Friday services are held jointly with Siloam Baptist Church. When the service is held at Centenary, the Baptist Pastor delivers the message and vice versa.

For a number of years the traditional candle light service is held at Centenary on Christmas Eve. This service is always the highlight of Christmas.

In the early 1940's Centenary began having Bible School. Now it is held jointly with Siloam, as we do not have enough children to justify having one of our own.

After The Harrells Charge was formed with Centenary, Charity and Providence, the need for a parsonage became evident, since the minister lived in Rose Hill, too far away to be practical. Mrs. Bethel Kennedy gave land next to her home to be used for a parsonage. Again, the trustees secured financial loans and the parsonage was built while Reverend C. Freeman Heath was pastor in 1967 - 68. His services were invaluable in overseeing the plans so they were in keeping with standards set up by the North Carolina Methodist Conference Committee.

It is quite fitting that the Centennial Celebration of Centenary and the mortgage burning and dedication of the parsonage can be observed on this day, November 28, 1976. Centenary has a heritage of which it is justly proud. From its very beginning, there has been an exceptionally good quality of leadership in this church. Although the present active membership is quite small, this little band of devout Christians, strong in the Methodist faith, carry the burden like larger churches through faith, prayer, sacrificial given, and love for the church and the God who has

prospered the efforts of those who trust in Him for guidance, in matters not only in the church, but also in daily walks of life.

Many of our staunchest supporters have departed this life, but have left behind a heritage and legacy equal to any church, and it presents us with a challenge to "Give of our Best to the Master" and make this world a better place because Centenary has withstood the tests of time, and stands as a symbol today of the Christian faith kept alive for one hundred years.

One hundred years, yes, one hundred years of service and Christian influence in the town of Harrells. Nothing spectacular—just a handful of dedicated United Methodist Church members striving day by day to be "the salt of the earth." May the next one hundred years be celebrated with the same spirit of Christian love as is expressed here at "Old Centenary", now.

HERE IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DEED OF CENTENARY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SAMPSON

O.M. Lewis and wife deed to M.K. DeVane and other trustees:

This indenture made this the 31st day of March A D One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six between Ollen M. Lewis and wife Susan Lewis of the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina of the first part and. M.K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, senior, Randall Powell, Richard M. Johnson and A. J. Johnson Trustees in trust for the use and purpose herinafter mentioned all of the state aforesaid of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said O.M. Lewis and wife Susan Lewis for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to them in hand paid at and upon the sealing and delivery of these present the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given grantees bargained sold and released confirmed and conveyed by these doth give grant bargain full release confirm and convey unto them the said M. K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, senior, Randall Powell, R. M. Johnson and A. J. Johnson and their Successors Trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereinafter mentioned and declare all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever either in law or equity which the said Ollen M. Lewis and his wife Susan Lewis hath in or to or upon all and singular a certain lot or place of land situate lying and being in the County Sampson and State aforesaid bounded and located as follows, to Wit:

Lying on the south side of the Long Creek Road and on the West side of the Academy lot, beginning at a stake on Long Creek Road S 19, W 210 two hundred and ten feet to a stake, thence N $68\frac{1}{2}$ W 210 two hundred and ten feet to a stake, thence S $68\frac{1}{2}$ E 210 two hundred and ten feet to the beginning. Containing by est-

imation one acre of land be the same mor or less together with all and singular the houses woods water ways privileges and appertenances (?) there unto belonging or in any wise pertaining thereto. To have and to hold all in Singular the above mentioned and described lot or parcel of land unto them the said M. K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, Randall Powell, R. M. Johnson and A. J. Johnson and their successors in office forever in trust that they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built thereon a house, or a place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South according to the rules and Discipline which from time to time agreed upon and adopted by the Ministers and preachers of the said Church at their general Conference and in further trust and confidence that they shall at all times forever hereinafter permit such Ministers and preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the General Conference of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Conference of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South authorized by the General Conference to preach and expound Gods Holy Word therein and the said Ollen M. Lewis and his wife Susan Lewis doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and Singular the before mentioned and described lot or parcel of land with the appurtenances there unto belonging unto them the said M. K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, Sr., Randall Powell, R. M. Johnson and A. J. Johnson and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him the said O. M. Lewis, his heirs assign and from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said O. M. Lewis and his wife Susan Lewis have herto set our hand and seals on the day and date first above written.

(SIGNED) O. M. Lewis LS

(SIGNED) SUSAN LEWIS LS

Signed and delivered
in the presence of Owen Fennell

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
SAMPSON COUNTY) on the probate court

The execution of the foregoing and within Deed from O. M. Lewis and wife to M.K. DeVane, Daniel Johnson, Senior, Randall Powell, R. M. Johnson and A. J. Johnson was this the 4th day of April A.D. 1876, duly proven before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by the Oath and examination of Owen Fennell, Sen. the subscribing witness thereto:

(SIGNED) D. A. Culbruth
Probate Judge

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+ This copy of the church deed is written the way it +
+ appears on the original' copy. +
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THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL PARSONAGE DEED:

North Carolina,
Sampson County.

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THIS DEED OF CONVEYANCE, Made this 18th day of October, 1966, by BETHEL P. KENNEDY (widow), of Sampson County, North Carolina, party of the first part, to THE TRUSTEES OF CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, of SAMPSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, parties of the second part;

WITNESSETH:

That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other

valuable considerations to her paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does hereby grant, sell and convey unto the parties of the secondpart, their successors and assigns, in fee simple, that certain lot or parcel of land in Franklin Township, Sampson County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake in the western edge of old U.S. Highway No. 421 and 30 feet from the center thereof, at the edge of the hedgerow on the north side of the residence of Bethel P. Kennedy, and runs thence a new line along the hedgerow and beyond, due West 150 feet to an iron stake; thence a new line parallel with said highway North 14 degrees 15 minutes East 100 feet to an iron stake in the field; thence due East 150 feet to an iron stake in the West edge of old U.S. Highway 421; thence with the West edge of said highway South 14 degrees 15 minutes West 100 feet to the beginning, and being a lot 100 X 150 feet, and being a portion of the Bethel P. Kennedy Home Place, located on the North side of the residence.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining unto them, the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, in trust, that such premises shall be held, kept and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ministers of the Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment; subject to the Discipline and usage of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantees, and, the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

And the said party of the first part does, for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators, covenant to and with the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that she is seized of said premises in fee and has a good right to convey the same in fee simple; that, the same are free from all encumbrances, and that she does hereby warrant and will forever defend the title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Bethel P. Kennedy, widow, party of the first part, has hereunto set her hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

_____(SEAL)
Bethel P. Kennedy

North Carolina,
Sampson County.

I T. H. Eason, a Notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Bethel P. Kennedy, widow, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance for the purpose therein expressed. Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 19 day of October, 1966.

T. H. Eason
Notary Public

My commission expires 12-21-1967

North Carolina,
Sampson County.

The execution of the foregoing and annexed deed of conveyance is duly proven according to law, as appears from the foregoing certificate and official seal, all of which is approved.

Let the instrument, with these certificates, be registered.

Witness my hand this 14 day of October, 1966.

Ruth Lockemy
Dep-Clerk of Superior Court of Sampson
County.

Filed for registration in the 14 day of Nov. 1966
10:05 o'clock AM and registered in the office of the
Register of Deeds of Sampson County on the 28 day of
Nov. 1966. In Book No. 783 Page No. 760.

Edith H. Goodwin
Register of Deeds

By Patrica W. Autry deputy

We are fortunate to have a record of all the ministers who have been pastor of Centenary Church for the one hundred years ministry of the church in this community.

PASTORS OF CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM 1876 to 1976 :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CIRCUIT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1876	S. M. Davis	Magnolia	Wilmington
1877	J. F. Heitman	Magnolia	Wilmington
1878-79	T. P. Ricard	Duplin	Wilmington
1880-82	A. D. Betts	Duplin	Wilmington
1883	W. I. Hull	Duplin	Wilmington
1884	H. H. Gibbons	Duplin	Wilmington
1885	Miles M. McFarland	Magnolia	Wilmington
1886-87	W. A. Forbes	Magnolia	Wilmington
1888-89	John R. Sawyer	Magnolia	Wilmington
1890	A. J. Parker	Magnolia	Wilmington
1891-92	R. L. Warlick	Magnolia	Wilmington
1893-96	D. C. Geddie	Magnolia	Wilmington
1897-98	L. S. Ethridge	Magnolia	Wilmington
1899-01	J. W. Wallace	Magnolia	Wilmington
1902	C. C. Brothers	Magnolia	Wilmington
1903-05	J. W. Martin	Magnolia	Wilmington

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CIRCUIT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1906-08	W. E. Brown	Magnolia	Wilmington
1909	Y. E. Wright	Magnolia	Wilmington
1910	J. C. Whedbee	Magnolia	Wilmington
1911-12	C. J. Rogers	Magnolia	Wilmington
1912-13	E. C. Sell	Magnolia	Wilmington
1913-14	H. M. Jackson	Magnolia	Wilmington
1914-18	R. F. Munns	Magnolia	Wilmington
1918-19	J. W. Autry	Magnolia	Wilmington
1919-20	to be supplied	Magnolia	Wilmington
1920-22	S. E. Ragland	Magnolia	Wilmington
1922-24	W. E. Hocutt	Magnolia	Wilmington
1925	D. A. Futrell	Magnolia	Wilmington
1926-29	M. D. McLamb	Magnolia	Wilmington
1930	L. M. Chaffin	Magnolia	Wilmington
1931-34	R. G. Dawson	Garland	Wilmington
1935	T. W. Lee	Garland	Wilmington
1936-37	W. B. Cotton	Garland	Wilmington
1938-40	O. C. Melton	Garland	Wilmington
1941-44	M. W. Warren	Garland	Wilmington
1945-46	J. D. Young	Garland	Wilmington

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CIRCUIT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1947	C. B. Harris	Garland	Wilmington
1948	D. C. Boone	Garland	Wilmington
1949	J. D. Stott	Garland	Wilmington
1950-51	H. L. Harris	Garland	Wilmington
1952	J. W. Goodwin	Garland	Wilmington
1953	Joe B. Young	Garland	Wilmington
1954	R. F. McKee	Garland	Goldsboro
1955	W. H. Montgomery	Garland	Goldsboro
1956	James C. Stanford	Garland	Goldsboro
1957	James C. Stanford	Harrells	Goldsboro
1958-59	J. W. Griffis	Harrells	Goldsboro
1960	J. A. Mason	Harrells	Goldsboro
1961-63	John M. Roberts	Harrells	Goldsboro
1964	$\frac{1}{2}$ Robert S. Proctor	Harrells	Wilmington
	$\frac{1}{2}$ A. L. Morris	Harrells	Wilmington
1965-67	C. Freeman Heath	Harrells	Wilmington
1968	George Blanchard	Harrells	Wilmington
1969	J. K. Horne, Jr.	Harrells	Wilmington
1970-73	Johnnie Huggins	Harrells	Wilmington
1974	William O. Connor	Harrells	Wilmington
1975-76	Gordon E. Allen, Jr.	Harrells	Wilmington

In the 100 hundred years of Centenary's church history there have been fifty-six ministers appointed to this church.

Out of the fifty-six ministers who have served Centenary Church, twenty-one are deceased as the N.C. Conference Journal records and it is likely thirty are deceased because we could not find the records on nine of these pastors who served Centenary Church before 1931.

Nine of the former pastors are retired and seven are still in the active ministry. fifteen of the former pastors can not be accounted for at this time. It is because they stoped preaching or they moved out of the North Carolina Conference. (included in the fifteen ministers that we can not account for are the nine we think are deceased.)

On the following pages is more information about the former pastors of Centenary Church: DECEASED - RETIRED - ACTIVE.

DECEASED MINISTERS

	<u>Year & Place Death</u>	<u>Place Burial</u>
William I. Hull	1885 Kings Mountain	Kings Mout. NC
Henry H. Gibbons	1887 MT. Olive, NC	Faison, N.C.
Robert L. Warlick	1896 Portsmouth, NC	Onslow County
T. Page Ricaud	1900 Durham, N.C.	Wilmington, NC
L.S. Etheridge	1906 Kinston, N.C.	Laurinburg, NC
M.M. McFarland	1911 Mebane, N.C.	Burlington, NC
D. C. Geddie	1913 Raleigh, N.C.	Rose Hill, NC
A. D. Betts	1918 Greensboro, NC	Greensboro, NC
W. A. Forbes	1919 Buié's Creek	Pender County
E. C. Sell	1930 Wilmington, NC	Wilmington, NC
Charles C. Brothers	1934 Greensboro, NC	Catawba, N.C.
Ducan A. Futrell	1935 Wilmington, NC	Town Creek, NC
Asa Joseph Parker	1938 Raleigh, N.C.	Raleigh, N.C.
Leonidas M. Chaffin	1939 Jonesboro, N.C.	Jonesboro, NC
Hampton M. Jackson	1942	Raleigh, N.C.
John Watson Autry	1944 Wilmington, NC	Cumberland Co.
James C. Whedbee	1948 Sumter, S. C.	Sumter, S. C.

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DECEASED MINISTERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year & Place Death</u>	<u>Place Burial</u>
Cecil Byron Harris	1957 Biscoe, N.C.	Atlantic, N.C.
Richard F. Munns	1959 Raleigh, N.C.	Raleigh, N.C.
Omer C. Melton	1963 Clinton, N.C.	Raleigh, N.C.
Thomas W. Lee	1963 Durham, N.C.	Durham, N.C.

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RETIRED MINISTERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
R. Crady Dawson	2802 Evans St., Morehead City, NC 28557
W. B. Cotton	P.O. Box 427, Mt. Gilead, N. C. 27306
M. W. Warren	Apt. B-1B University Apartments Duke University Road Durham, N.C. 27701
J. D. Young	1017 Lakewood Ave, Durham, N.C. 27707
D. C. Boone	Route 2, Box 170, Belhaven, N.C. 27810
J. D. Stott	903 Eugene St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401
H. L. Harris	P.O. Box 866, Wendell, N.C. 27591
C. Freeman Heath	P. O. Box 1068, Clinton, N.C. 28328
William O. Connor	6201 Wrightsville Ave, Wilmington, N. C. 28401

ACTIVE MINISTERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dr. Robert F. McKee	P.O. Box 326, Dunn, N.C. 28334
John M. Roberts	P. O. Box 116, Princeton, NC 27569
A. L. Morris	P. O. Box 6, Rowland, N.C. 28383
George Blanchard	Route 5, Box 326, Roxboro, NC 27573
Johnnie Huggins	Route 1, Box 223, Council, NC 28434
Gordon E. Allen, Jr.	Route 1, Box 65 $\frac{1}{2}$, Harrells, NC 28444

LISTED BELOW - THE MINISTERS WE COULD NOT FIND
IN THE N.C. CONFERENCE JOURNAL. THEY ARE LISTED IN
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER AS THEY SERVED HERE:

1. S. M. Davis
2. J. F. Heitman
9. John R. Sawyer
14. J. W. Wallace
16. J. W. Martin
17. W. E. Brown
18. Y. E. Wright
20. C. T. Rogers
25. S. E. Ragland
26. W. E. Hocutt
40. J. W. Goodwin
41. Joe B. Young
43. W. H. Montgomery
47. J. A. Mason
49. Robert S. Proctor
53. J. K. Horne, Jr.

Centenary United Methodist Church

Harrells, North Carolina



Bishop
ROBERT M. BLACKBURN
Raleigh, N. C.

District Superintendent
JAMES A. AUMAN
Wilmington, N. C.

Minister
GORDON E. ALLEN, JR.
Telephone 532-4340

WELCOME TO CENTENARY CHURCH

To those who enter this church remember it is the House of God; it is a hospital for your soul. Please be reverent, be worshipful and be prayerful. Please pray for the sick, the unsaved, pray for yourself, your minister and for all people. We welcome you into our fellowship.

Recognition of: Former Pastors, Former Members,
and Visiting Friends , by Mrs. Pearl Newkirk

Reading of the Church History: by Melissa Shaw

Introduction of Speaker:

Scripture Reading The Parable of the Sower
Matt.13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15

Message by Mrs. (Beth) J. Allen Norris, Jr.

* Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" 151

* Benediction Pastor

+++++ Dinner in the Church Basement: after Worship Service +

+ Dedication of the Parsonage: 2 PM, at the parsonage +
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THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH TODAY
ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
FREEMAN MARSHBURN

&
MRS. C. J. MARSHBURN
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DISPLAY:

In the Sunday School room immediately in back of
the sanctuary there is a display of some of the arti-
cles (scrap book, letters, bulletins, etc.) used at Cent-
enary Church through the years.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Elizabeth McLamb Norris. was rear-
ed in Centenary United Methodist Church, and remained
a member until after her marriage to J. A. Norris, Jr.
They were married here in this sanctuary. Elizabeth is
the granddaughter of Amos James Johnson who was a char-
ter member of this church and he was one of the trustees
who signed the church deed in 1876. Beth's husband,
Allen Norris, Jr., is a great grandson of Daniel John-
son, also a charter member and one of the trusttes who
signed the church deed in 1876.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

1976

Chairman	Freeman Marshburn
Vice-Chairman	A. Rhodes Eakins
Treasurer	Mrs. Ray Nichols
Secretary	Dixie Smith
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Freeman Marshburn
Membership Secretary	Mrs. Jimmy Barber
Chairman of Trustees	A. Rhodes Eakins
Chairperson Council on Ministries	Mrs. Melissa Shaw
Treasurer on Trustee Fund	Mrs. A. Rhodes Eakins
Secretary of Enlistment	Mrs. Margaret Peterson
Chairperson on Pastor-Parish Relations Committee	Freeman Marshburn
Delegate to Annual Conference	Mrs. Melissa Shaw
Health-Welfare Representative	Mrs. Christine Bland
Lay Leader	Ray Nichols
Communion Stewardess	Mrs. Dixie Smith
Communion Stewardess	Mrs. Wade Jones
President United Methodist Women	Mrs. Sheldon Swann
Youth Member	Charlie Marshburn

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Carroll Peterson	Harry Page	James Perry
Ernest Newton	Mrs. Marion Jackson	Geo. Kennedy Eakins
Wade Jones	Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones	Jimmy Barber
Mrs. Virginia Gurganious	Theodore Gurganious	

WORK AREA CHAIRPERSONS

Committee on Education	Freeman Marshburn
Committee on Evangelism	Mrs. Dixie Smith
Committee on Missions	Mrs. Charlie Newkirk
Committee on Stewardship	Mrs. Edward Bowen
Committee on Finance	Freeman Marshburn
Committee on Worship	Mrs. Rachel Peterson
Committee on Social Concerns	Mrs. Freeman Marshburn
Committee on Ecumenical Affairs	Mrs. Margaret Peterson

TRUSTEES

1976	1977	1978
Jimmy Barber	Graham Harvell	Scott Peterson
Charlie Newkirk	Rhodes Eakins	James Perry

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PICTURE OF PARSONAGE



PICTURE OF NEW CHURCH (1976)